

# THE GOLD QUESTION.

Perhaps to be solved by the timely Defeat of King Lobengula.

The following communication, bearing a Washington date, appeared in a recent issue of the New York Sun. It is a prediction that the discovery of today which also announces the discovery of the Matabele king of a country larger than the Dakotas. In each instance the British and the Matabele will be held responsible by the British or perhaps hypercritical chronicler of events.

I have always ventured to profess a faith in the infallibility of the Anglo-Saxon race. In this country I believe that the nation is swinging with a freedom of silver, and that seems to be the view of the triumphant repeaters here today, where the losers are more elated than the winners.

But in Africa, England is today anticipating such a production of gold as will bring back the traditions of California and Ballarat, and the victory of a mere joint stock company over the forces of Lobengula now he is followed by results not less remarkable than those which in 1849 followed poor Marshall's discovery of a gold nugget in the dam at Sutter's mill in California.

Until a month ago the only laborers in Mashonaland, the various Mashona tribes, were harried by the Matabeles whenever this fighting horde required a further supply of wives. The male Mashonas were killed, or carried off to the very old dumps of the gold mines of Hartley, of Marais or Fort Victoria. Now Lobengula and his routed "impis" are in retreat to northward of the Zambesi. He will be there in the same position that was occupied by Sitting Bull and the Sioux after your catastrophe on the Little Horn in 1876, when that mightier Lobengula had retired into the British north-west.

Today the gold developments in Africa are of extraordinary interest. The Rand gold camp at Johannesburg, which has been "only" to 1887 and produced but a monthly average of 10,000 ounces in 1888, shows the following developments:

Monthly Average. Ounces.

1888..... 30,750  
1889..... 30,750  
1890..... 60,750  
1891..... 100,000

The production in this camp since April, 1893, has been:

Monthly. Ounces.  
May..... 116,911  
June..... 122,907  
July..... 126,300  
August..... 136,000

The production of August, if merely sustained, puts this single camp in advance of the gold production of the entire United States. The estimated probabilities of gold mines must be taken with considerable limitations, but those who know King Lobengula's territories and who have visited the various gold camps in Mashonaland during the past 12 months believe that three or more of these camps may prove not less productive than Johannesburg, and this in a climate that is admirably suited to the white race. The geological conditions, quartz on the contact of granite and slate, are very favorable to continued production. And now that the black tyrant has disappeared, your skilled miners, who have been deprived by your legislation of a field for their energies, may do worse, perhaps, than seek another citizenship in the far south under the protection of the Union Jack.

A Bishop on Sermons.

One does not look to a prelate for frank fun, but the bishop of Wakefield, unfortunately, has ransacked some genuine humor on the subject of preaching. He has clearly made a study of the art, and he divides the modern sermon in seven species. Thus we have:

"The sequipedalian—big words—hiding little thoughts.  
"The wishy-washy—no explanation required.  
"The pyrotechnic—blazing with brilliant metaphors and illustrations and finishing with a fatality of puns.  
"The anecdotic—teeming with stories—some of them good enough once, but gone bad by keeping.  
"The flowery—in which rhyme is of more importance than reason.  
"The mellifluous—with calm, unbroken flow.  
"The pargoric—against which the powers of wakefulness fall; like a roll of ribbon, so much alike at all points that a yard can be cut off anywhere.  
"Who does not know each and all of these? This is a form of pastoral which congregations as a rule will not disapprove.

In connection with this severe episcopal utterance there is a story on the other side going the ecclesiastical round. A clergyman prepared to preach two Sundays since and gave out as his text, "The devil, like a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour." In the same breath, before beginning his discourse, he continued, "My friends, you will probably have heard that the bishop of Manchester has announced his intention of visiting every church in his diocese, and consequently we may very shortly expect to see him among us." Black and White.

Pat Spilled the Duel.

Although it is a familiar saying that an Irishman is always sporting for a fight, still there is one kind of fighting to which even the brave sons of Erin are sometimes averse—that is, dueling. A story well illustrating this fact has recently come to us.

A certain Irishman, having been challenged to a duel, was very much perturbed at the thought of being put to death, and he consulted with his friends, who felt confident of his success. His antagonist, a lame man, walked on crutches.

When the place for the shooting had been reached, the lame man's seconds asked that he be allowed to lean against a milestone which happened to be there. The privilege was allowed, and the lame man took his stand.

The Irishman and his seconds drew off to the distance agreed upon—10 feet. Here Pat's courage suddenly failed him, and he shouted to the lame man:

"I've a small favor to ask of ye, sor."  
"What is it?" asked the cripple.  
Pat answered:

"I told ye that ye might lean ag'in the milepost, and now I would like the privilege of leaning ag'in the next one."

The laughter which followed spoiled everybody's desire for a fight, and the whole party went home without a shot having been fired.—Boston Home Journal.

Unavailable Postal Cards.

An article has been going the rounds of our exchanges, says the Ithaca Journal, that it was a criminal offense to mail a dunning letter on a postal. An editor wrote to the first assistant postmaster general recently and received the following reply, giving the decision of Judge Thayer, Dec. 14, 1893, on the wording of a postal that was mailed and one that was not. The available one read: "Please call and settle account, which is long past due and for which our collector has called several times, oblige." This was decided unavailable: "You owe us \$1.50. We have called several times for same. If not paid at once, we shall place with our law agency for collection." Postal cards are not available if they contain language of a threatening character.

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By virtue of a decree of the circuit court for Accomack county, rendered on the 7th day of November, A. D., 1893, in the suit of Wm. B. Smith, &c., who sue &c., vs. James H. Rew's adm'r and others, I, the special commissioner appointed by said decree, will sell, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Saturday, December 2nd, 1893, at 1:30 o'clock, p. m., in front of Mason's Hotel, at Bloxom, the following real estate of which said Jas. H. Rew died seized and possessed:

1st. A certain water grist mill, mill pond, mill acre and their appurtenances, and bounded as follows: On the south and west by the lands of Martin Bloxom, and on the east and north by those of Thomas A. Northam.

2nd. A certain tract or parcel of land, containing twenty six acres (26 A.), more or less, and bounded as follows: On the south by the lands of the heirs of O. W. Godwin, deceased; on the east by those of Dr. John W. Bowdoin; on the north by those of O. W. Godwin's heirs, and on the west by those of John Somers.

3rd. A certain tract or parcel of land containing thirty six and five-sixths acres (36 5/6 A.), more or less, and bounded as follows: On the south by the land of Edward T. Rew; on the east by the land of Thomas H. Mears; on the north by the land of Wm. H. Bloxom, and on the west by the land of Dr. John W. Bowdoin. All of said property is situated near Bloxom.

The 1st and 2nd tracts, pieces or parcels will be sold free and discharged of the dower interest therein of the widow of Jas. H. Rew, deceased.

The 3rd tract of 36 5/6 acres, more or less, will be sold subject to said widow's dower as laid off and assigned to her by Wm. T. Parks and others, commissioners, the metes and bounds of which will be shown to any one by Dr. John W. Bowdoin and read by me at the time of sale.

Terms of Sale.

1st. Five per centum of the purchase money will be required in cash on the day of sale, with liberty to the purchaser to pay the whole or such additional part as he may elect; but so much of the purchase money as may not be so paid will be divided into three equal instalments, payable, respectively, at the expiration of six, twelve and eighteen months from the day of sale, with interest from that day, secured by the bonds of the purchaser with approved personal security thereto, and the title to the premises to be retained as additional security till the whole of the purchase money shall have been paid.

2nd. The rents of present year of said land will be reserved for the benefit of the parties to this suit, and do not pass to the purchaser.

3rd. Possession of the premises will be given January 1st, 1894, unless already rented out, in which event the purchaser will be entitled to the rents from said date, and to possession at the termination of the tenancy, and the taxes and levies to be paid up to said date out of the rents and profits for 1893 or the proceeds of sale.

4th. The premises will be at risk of the purchaser from the time they are bid off to him.

5th. Upon payment of the whole of the purchase money and confirmation of the sale by the court, I will convey the premises to the purchaser thereof, by deed with special warranty of title, upon the same being properly prepared at the purchaser's expense and tendered to me for execution.

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L. FLOYD NOCK,  
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Wilmer R. Williams's adm'r, etc., vs. Defts. In Chancery.

Office of the Commissioner in Chancery Accomack C. H. Va., Oct. 30th, 1893.

To the creditors of Wilmer R. Williams, deceased, and all others concerned: You are hereby notified that in pursuance of a decree entered in the above entitled cause on the 6th day of October, 1893, I have appointed Friday, the 8th day of December, next, at Matthews' Hotel, Chincoteague Island, as the time and place for receiving proof of all debts and demands against the said decedent or his estate, at which time and place you are required to attend and prove your claims. The commissioner was also required by the said decree to post advertisements at the front door of the court-house of this county and at three or more public places in the vicinity of the late residence of said decedent, for at least twenty days previous to the time appointed for taking proof of such debts and demands, and of the heirs at law of said decedent Wilmer R. Williams.

And it was further ordered that notice of the time and place of taking said account be published once a week for four successive weeks in the PENNSYLVANIA ENTERPRISE, a newspaper published at Accomack C. H., Va., and that such publication shall be equivalent to personal service of such notice on the parties or either of them. Given under my hand as commissioner of the said court, the day and year above written.

S. T. ROSS.

To the Creditors of David P. Mears, dec'd.

In accordance with the decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Accomack, pronounced on the 12th day of October, 1893, in the suit of L. Floyd Nock, trustee, vs. David P. Mears, adm'r et al., I have appointed Wednesday, the 29th day of November, 1893, as the time and my office at Accomack C. H., Va., as the place for taking an account, and making my report of the debts and demands due and outstanding against the said David P. Mears, deceased, or his estate. And at the same time and place William Fisher Mears, adm'r of the said David P. Mears, dec'd, is ordered to make up an account of his transactions as such administrator.

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